# FISCAL NOTE

# SB 3026

February 23, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases the state's single maximum exemption levels for inheritance tax for calendar years 2006 through 2009 so they match those specified in the *Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001* (EGTRRA). Repeals the inheritance tax beginning with tax year 2010.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

Decrease State Revenues - \$19,900,000 FY06-07

\$18,900,000 FY07-08 \$22,700,000 FY08-09 \$31,700,000 FY09-10

\$31,200,000 FY10-11 and thereafter

# Increase State Expenditures - \$8,250 One-Time

### Assumptions:

- This bill proposes increases in the state's single maximum exemption levels for inheritance tax from \$1.0 million to \$2.0 million for calendar years 2006 through 2008 and from \$1.0 million to \$3.5 million for calendar year 2009.
- Under EGTRRA, federal estate taxes will be repealed for calendar year 2010.
- Provisions of EGTRRA will no longer be effective on January 1, 2011 and the federal estate tax structure will revert to the structure that existed in calendar year 2001.
- Current state law allows filing extensions up to nine (9) months from decedent's death.
- Inheritance tax revenues are collected in the fiscal year subsequent to decedent's death due to filing extension period.
- Inheritance tax is permanently repealed beginning with tax year 2010.

- According to the Department of Revenue, increasing the state's single maximum exemption levels for calendar years 2006 through 2009 will cause state revenues to decrease by approximately \$19.9 million, \$18.9 million, \$22.7 million, \$31.7 million, and \$31.2 million for FY06-07, FY07-08, FY08-09, FY09-10, and FY10-11 respectively.
- Software modifications required in the DOR to implement the provisions of this proposed legislation is estimated as a one-time state expenditure of \$8,250.
- This proposed legislation does not apply to generation-skipping transfers after December 31, 2009 or to the estates of decedents dying after December 31, 2009.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director